

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were pending in this application

Claims 1-6 are withdrawn from consideration

New Claim 17 has been added to the application

I. Provisional Election

For the purposes of examination, the Applicant elects the method claims (claims 7-16) for the purposes of examination. The applicant has withdrawn Claims 1-6.

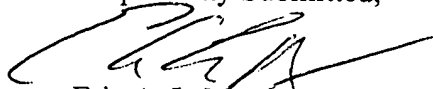
II. Addition of Linking Claim

The matter of original Claim 1 has been rewritten as new Claim 17. New Claim 17 depends from Claim 7. Other than the change in dependency, Claim 17 is the same as Claim 1 and contains the same matter. Accordingly, it is clear that new Claim 17 is a linking claim that links the method of Claim 7 to the device of Claim 1.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 809 the linking claims should be considered with the elected claims. Should the linking claim be found allowable, the restriction requirement must be withdrawn and the previously withdrawn claims reinstated and considered.

To facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider all claims when searching and examining the application on the merits.

Respectfully Submitted,



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